



SONS OF NORWAY

# Edvard Grieg Lodge 657 District 5

Cincinnati-Dayton, Ohio & Kentucky

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## Notes from Lodge President

Greetings to all! I am happy to say that the lodge continues to be active and hold meetings. Our last two meetings have been in person, and we plan on an in person outdoor meeting in September. We continue to monitor public health recommendations and as of now, continue to recommend distancing and masking when indoors. We have not been able to offer Zoom options at our outdoor meetings, but we will begin doing so when we begin again to meet indoors (where we can get good Wi-Fi bandwidth).

As you may remember, we sent around a lodge survey in late spring. We had 19 respondents, and I am pleased to say that the general sentiment about the lodge is highly positive, in terms of the lodge offering a 'friendly and welcoming atmosphere'. Many of the respondents attended the Zoom meetings and were generally satisfied with the format and content. At the same time, several respondents were not happy with Zoom, noting connectivity issues and discomfort with the Zoom chat format, and some members do not have the equipment available to participate by Zoom. Being able to reach our remote members was a major bonus of Zoom, and we will continue to offer Zoom connections at meetings where possible, for example during future meeting programs when we go 'indoors'. Many of you noted a strong desire to incorporate genealogy into our programming, and we are working on this for future meetings. The Viking magazine was a great hit for all members.

Thanks to all for your frank and honest input. The feedback is important for enabling the Lodge to better serve our members and families.

We will be continuing our monthly social Zoom meeting led by our cultural director Elisabeth Sonoff (see Lodge calendar for info on the September meeting).

Jim Herman

## Birthdays

### September

Kjell Evensen[3], Ordelle Hill[4], David Bratten[9], Noel Julnes-Dehner[13], Larry Welin[19], Chris Butterworth[20], JoAnn Krugh[26], James P. Herman[28].

### October

Judy Pieper[15], Susan Herman[16], Diana Owens[24], Nelda Chandler[25], Arlene Nelson[31].

### November

Dario Sedler[1], Diane Clark[5], Harold Shirkey[10], Glenn Mikaloff[14], Trine Wernes[15], Michael Luiso[29].

## Membership

We welcome back into the lodge, David Johnson, who had been a member years ago. At our August meeting at his parent's house we met his new baby Heidi who will soon be one.

To meet our goal for this year, we need a few more new members. If you know of someone that would be interested in our lodge, please contact me with their name.

Esther Charlton, Membership Secretary

## Recap of lodge events

Eight lodge members enjoyed a 'pop up' gathering for lunch on July 21 at Liv's home in her delightful backyard. As always, potluck food items were delicious and conversation was abundant. Our friendships continue to be renewed and strengthened thru the common thread of our Norwegian heritage. Creativity 'heightened' when the time came to get all of us in a picture.



*Sharon snapped a photo of Susan setting up for a group photo shot (on top of several stacked items)!*



*Enjoying lunch together*



*LtoR: Nelda, Liv, Sharon, Carol, Sandy, Esther, JoAnn, Susan*

Our August lodge meeting was at the Johnson's 'timber frame home' in Oregonia where all enjoyed a great potluck as well as conversation. Several members and guests had a great time learning (or watching) a Finnish game in the backyard called Timber Toss. It was great to have '2 under age 2' in attendance as well! Thanks to David & Martha for inviting Ethan & Amy to join us.



*Enjoying 'Timber Toss' after dinner are LtoR: Jim, Paul, Adam, Glenn, David, and Ethan (guest).*

Tusen takk to Liv for hosting our July meeting and to Laurie and Paul for hosting in August!

Susan Herman, Social Director

## September

### Lodge Meeting:

**Saturday, Sept. 18 at 4:00 pm EDT**

#### *‘Fall Fun & Food in Tipp City’*

Location: Kathy Skinner’s home/backyard, 307 South Hyatt St., Tipp City, OH 45371.

Kathy is providing all the food. All you need to bring is yourself and your choice of beverage! Beverages can be chilled on ice once you arrive. **RSVP** no later than September 11th to Kathy.

Email: [kathyaskinner@msn.com](mailto:kathyaskinner@msn.com)  
or text cell: 937-609-5471.

Directions: Take I75 North to Exit 68, West Milton, Tipp City.

Turn Right off exit onto W. Main St.

Go to third light (.7 mile) at the Dairy Queen and Fire Station.

Turn Right onto South Hyatt St.

Go .4 mile, 307 South Hyatt on the right.

Parking: in Kathy’s driveway, across the street on Hyatt, or on South St. (but do not park on Wunderwood Dr.).

### Social Meeting:

**Friday, September 24 at 1:30pm EDT via Zoom**

#### *‘Putting Up the Harvest Bounty’*

Our social meetings resume again with Elisabeth Sonoff leading the topic and discussion!

Please RSVP if interested in these monthly socials, even if you can’t make this one. You will be added to the email list used for these social meetings which will have the Zoom link information. The September link will be sent after the 21<sup>st</sup> but prior to the 24<sup>th</sup>.

## October

### Board Meeting:

**Saturday, October 2 at 2:00 pm EDT**

All members are welcome at board meetings. More detailed information will be posted on the website.

### Lodge Meeting:

**Saturday, October 16 at 2:00 pm EDT**

#### *‘Heart Waffles, Raffle & Silent Auction: Celebrating SofN Foundation Month’*

This year we will celebrate by serving heart waffles, toppings, coffee and cider. Donations gratefully accepted. Make it your lunch or after lunch dessert! Raffle tickets will be available to purchase and drawings will be held for donated items. Try your luck at winning one of the donated items! And perhaps we will have a few items for silent auction bidding as well. Members who live out of state or cannot attend are encouraged to send a donation for Foundation Month. Our combined Edvard Grieg Lodge donations will be forwarded to Sons of Norway headquarters. With our support in giving, we can all make a difference to continue our Nordic legacy thru scholarships to students, grants for culture and heritage programs, and humanitarian efforts to members affected by natural disasters.

Location: Mallards of Mason Community Clubhouse is located at the corner of Cedar Village Drive & Mallard Creek Drive. The address is: 4821 Mallard Creek Drive, Mason, OH 45040.

Directions: Going north on Mason-Montgomery Road (past Socialville-Foster Road) turn right at the stoplight to Cedar Village Drive. Going south on Mason-Montgomery Road (past Financial Way) turn left at the stoplight to Cedar Village Drive. For reference: First Financial Bank is on the corner. Parking: Street parking on the right side of Cedar Village Drive (clubhouse side). No parking on Mallard Creek Drive or Somerset Drive.

If you cannot attend and want to send a contribution to the Foundation, mail your check (made payable to Sons of Norway Foundation) to our lodge Treasurer, Nelda Chandler, 11409 Geneva Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45240-2411.

## November

### Lodge Meeting:

**Saturday, November 13 at 2:00 pm EST**

#### *‘Norwegian Genealogy, Beginning Basics’*

Loveland or Sharonville Library. More details will follow on our lodge website and by email.

## December: Julefest 2021

**Saturday, December 4 at 4:00-7:00pm  
(dinner at 5:00)**

Norwegian Baked goods and Butikk gift items for purchase, glorious dinner spread, carols and singing around the Juletre, all celebrating our Norwegian heritage!

Location: Mason UMC, 6315 S. Mason-Montgomery Road, Mason, OH 45040.

There will be more details in the November newsletter.

If you would like to volunteer on any committees or in any way, please contact our lodge social director, Susan Herman.

## Husflid (Handicraft)

"Husflid" is the Norwegian word used for the production of art and crafts at home for personal use or for sale. The concept has roots back to early 1800 in the Scandinavian countries. The author Henrik Wergeland was the first to use the word in Norway around 1830. The sociologist Eilert Sundt also used it in his book "Husflid i Norge" (Handicraft in Norway) published in 1867. His definition of the concept was the work that filled the time between the daily chores. The articles would be made by hand or with simple tools in contrast to what was produced by industry.



Wooden horse carved for the 75th. Anniversary of Husflidsfor eningen

Historically, husflid is part of the Norwegian cultural heritage. In earlier times people lived in valleys and sparsely populated areas. They produced most of what they needed on the farm. Because farms were isolated and had little contact with others, crafts were often specific to geographical areas. Making husflid articles for sale was promoted as a way to earn money and a way out of poverty.



Husflid Production on farm at Jæren around 1800

Typical materials used in husflid are yarn, wool, wood, and metal. Bones, horn, bark and roots are also used. The Sami people also use reindeer pelts to make footwear and clothing. Their name for husflid is "duodje."

Traditionally, one would learn how to make items in the home. Girls would learn from their mother or older relatives and the boys from male relatives. Later on, crafts were taught in elementary schools. The girls would learn to knit, sew and embroider, the boys had wood shop. Today many learn crafts by attending courses given by Norges Husflidslag (Norwegian Folk Art and Craft Association). It was established in 1891 by merging local husflid groups. From 1892 to 1942 the director of the association was Gunvald Gulliksen. He had been interested in husflid from an early age. He traveled widely, often accompanied by husflid pioneer, Christian Rømke. On their trips they ordered crafts from local crafts men and women such as boxes with burned décor in Ål and Hol, and knitted and embroidered mittens in Hemsedal.



*Carved box from around 1900*

Every year around 2000 husflid courses are offered by Norges Husflidslag. There are 377 local branches all over Norway. About 15,000 people attend local and regional classes every year. The courses cover a variety of handicraft traditions. The main categories are textiles, woodcraft, and color and design. However, neither teachers nor students of the handicrafts are of the younger generation which makes the knowledge of the crafts vulnerable.



*Marit Tronsen making tæger (birch root) baskets, around 1900*

Many people keep the handicrafts they make for personal use or to use as gifts for others. A study from 2011 showed that 23 per cent of the Norwegian population gave away home-made items for Christmas. Others sell their products directly from farm stores, at local festivals, and at Christmas Markets. If you happen to be in Oslo at Christmas time, the Christmas Market at Norsk Folkemuseum is one of the best.

Handicrafts are also sold at Husfliden stores all over the country. The first store was opened in Oslo the same year the association was established. Today there are 36 Husfliden stores all over the country. They sell quality crafts and this is also where one can purchase bunader.

Many of the bunader we know today were developed by Heimen Husflid which was established in 1899 by the Young Farmer's Association. It was started in order to produce bunader based on traditional design to be used in theaters and by folk dancing groups. They have a store in Oslo where bunader from all over the country are available for sale. Local Husflid stores sell only local bunader.

The Norwegian Folk Art and Craft Association publishes the magazine Norsk Husflid. It has a circulation of approximately 27,000 issues published five times a year.

The goals of the Folk Art and Craft Association are to "strengthen living craft traditions in Norway in a cultural social and economical way."

Elisabeth P. Sonoff, Cultural Chairperson

## Matpakke Wraps

*Recipe by: Silje Feiring / spoon.no*



*Photo Credit: Silje Feiring / spoon.no*

This healthy wrap is a take on the traditional Norwegian matpakke.

### Ingredients:

- 1 whole grain tortilla
- 125 g cream cheese
- 3 full-sized carrots
- ½ a cucumber

### Preparation:

- Cut the carrots and cucumbers into long strips.
- Spread the cream cheese over half of the tortilla (this will make it easier to roll up).
- Spread the carrot and cucumber over the cheese and roll together.
- Roll into parchment paper and divide into three.

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